

21 Cornhill, Tuesd. Evng;

Dear Burleigh,

~~Apr~~ May 3/59.

Last evng. I took, from the Post Office, what I suppose to be the last of the Report to May 1/58, tho' you don't expressly say so.

The Obituary Notices, I presume, close. These will be followed <sup>by</sup> (perhaps they should have been some where inserted) the Notice of the Society's Operations, Agents, Tract Publication &c. - Then Officers, &c. We shall

have a bulky pamphlet of some 200 pages; and we all feel that it will be an exceedingly valuable one, and fully equal in ability & interest to any one ever issued by the Society. - We are sorry you have had to work yourself so hard, - lose sleep, &c. - and fear you may be <sup>made</sup> sick by it,

It would seem best that you should take some rest, before you enter upon the work of the <sup>following</sup> next year's Report. Your mind has been strained & nerved up too much. Its tension has been too severe, & sh<sup>d</sup>. now be relaxed for awhile. Then it will recover its elasticity, and you will take hold of the next year's work with vigour and interest.



And we have now a nice, clever little job  
in hand for you, which may give you leisurely  
occupation for a few days, without much taxing  
your mind. It is to make a Table of Contents  
for the thick pamphlet you have made for us. The  
value & usefulness of the work will be at least  
doubled by a good Index, and you (of course) can do  
it easier & better than anybody else. I send you  
herewith the pamphlet itself, so far as corrected and  
printed off, and the remainder shall follow as fast as  
the Printer can get it ready. For this work, the  
Comtee offer Five Dollars; if you think it should be  
more, you will please say so. <sup>It may be more than we think,</sup> This work, it  
seems to me, wd. be better for you now, than to  
undertake the next Report. The time is too short  
for you to make much headway <sup>before annl. Meets.</sup> Just so soon as you  
do feel prepared to take hold of it, we wish you to go  
ahead with it, & bring it to a completion at the  
earliest convenient day. <sup>Meanwhile the Index is important work.</sup> — The printer promise  
us some <sup>ready bound</sup> copies for the New York Meeting, if they  
have to work all night for it. I have ordered 75  
copies only to be bound, & sent there. The remainder  
will lie, until the Index is prepared.

A Table of Contents, to be placed at the end, in



double columns, is what I want. You know so much about books, that you will instructively, and by your common sense, do it just right. —

We decide to retain all you said about Judge Jay's letter on Disunion.

I enclose F. Jackson's receipt to you for \$75.

You have been to a considerable <sup>postage</sup> expense in forwarding ~~for~~ copy, &c. All that, you may charge in y<sup>r</sup>. next acc<sup>t</sup>. with Mass<sup>ts</sup>. A. S. Socy; which (by the way) must, I think, be fully due.

Another thing; — as you haven't read proof, the printer suggests you may find matter for a Table of Errata, which could be printed, with the Index, if you wish any such.

Moses Wright of Georgetown wants very much that you sh<sup>d</sup>. visit their locality, as soon as you conveniently can. — I have said to him that you will doubtless attend the New Eng<sup>d</sup>. Convention [25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>], and that I think it probable you <sup>can</sup> ~~could~~ give them a few evenings, including the Sunday following (29<sup>th</sup>). You can write straight to him about it.

If — you are too weary & exhausted, we



would not have you try to go to New York.  
We shall not, probably, absolutely need  
you there, as our spoken promise to be  
numerous, for two days; but we shall  
be ~~most~~ well pleased to see you, as above.  
— All I wish you to feel is, that, if you  
need rest, you had better take it, and  
will not be leaving us in the lurch, by not  
going to N.Y. — We shall depend on

you at the New England Convention.

You have seen mention of the death of  
our dear & truly excellent friend Chas. F. Honey.  
It was extremely sudden to us all, for we supposed  
him mending, as the Doctor said, soon to a late  
~~moment~~ time before his death. The funeral  
services were of deep interest. Addresses were  
made by Garrison, Phillips, & T. Starr King. — Honey  
had requested that no vocal prayer sh<sup>d</sup> be made at  
his funeral, & none was made. This life is a  
very severe one. He was clear-sighted, quick of  
apprehension, <sup>high-principled, loving right, indignant at wrong,</sup> wise, brave, and generous. Such a  
Counsellor & helper does not appear at every corner.

Truly Yrs. Saml May Jr.